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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated January 25, 2006, a five month extension of time is respectfully requested. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Response to Election of Species Requirement** begins on page 18 of this paper.